

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hard disk recorder has a time-shift playback function of storing, on an HDD, a program which is now being received, displaying the stored program, even if program-storing is still under way, in such a manner that  
5 the program is displayed from an arbitrary section of the program among program sections that have already been stored, and pausing the display of the program or changing the display speed according to an operation by a user while the program is being watched. A control unit sets, in response to a channel-switch instruction, the HDD in a pause state from which a storing  
10 operation can immediately be started, thereafter sets the HDD in a recording-wait state to switch the channel, and sets the HDD in a playback state according to a determination that the HDD is in a recording-wait state.